

APPROVED
BOARD OF STATE HISTORY MEETING

January 19, 2017

Rio Grande Depot, Board Room, 300 S. Rio Grande Street, Salt Lake City

ATTENDANCE:

Rob White
Steve Olsen
John D'Arcy
Ken Gallacher
David Richardson

EXCUSED:

Steve Barth
Yvette Donosso
Patty Timbimboo-Madsen
Dina Blaes

MEMBERS BY CONFERENCE CALL:

Deanne Matheny
David Rich Lewis

DEPARTMENT OF HERITAGE AND ARTS:

Jill Love
Jim Grover
Tenielle Young Humphries

DIVISION OF STATE HISTORY STAFF:

Brad Westwood
Kevin Fayles
Jed Rogers
Holly George
Chris Merritt
Arie Leeftang
Roger Roper
Cory Jensen
Alycia Rowley
Lisa Buckmiller
Elizabeth Hora-Cook
Doug Misner
Derinna Kopp
Christina Epperson
Wendy Rex-Atzet
Tessie Burningham
Chris Hansen

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:

Bryan Nalder

PUBLIC:

Michael Homer
Steve Fluke
Jessica Montcalm

WELCOME

Brad Westwood announced that Dina Blaes is unable to attend. She has asked John D'Arcy to conduct the meeting in her absence until Rob White arrives. John D'Arcy called the meeting to order and welcomed the Board members, State History staff in attendance, Jill Love, Executive Director, Department of Heritage and Arts and Bryan Nalder from the Attorney General's Office, representing Thom Roberts

SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER 2016 STATE HISTORY PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS Brad Westwood presented State History's administration's quarterly accomplishments. He then introduced the Division's Program Coordinators to present their program's quarterly accomplishments. Roger Roper, Wendy Rex-Atzet, Doug Misner, Arie Leeflang (representing Chris Merritt), Holly George and Kevin Fayles briefed the Board on the work their programs were able to achieve during the last quarter.

Brad invited the Board to an opening reception on January 27th, from 9:00am – noon for the Utah Drawn: An Exhibition of Rare Maps, located on the 4th floor of the Capitol. A rare maps show and tell will also take place from noon – 2:00 pm. Brad will send an electronic flier to the Board members.

Brad reviewed the strategic plan for the proposed Utah Museum of History, Heritage and Arts, which includes a timeline and essential steps. This proposed museum ties to State History's long term goals that were developed three years ago.

Wendy Rex Atzet invited Board members to attend History Day on the Hill on January 27th. Students from Logan, Price, and Montezuma Creek will be displaying their projects in the rotunda. The students will be recognized in the Senate and House galleries. She also welcomed the Board's involvement with the Regional competitions this spring. An electronic call for judges will be sent to the Board.

Board members were also invited to attend Maps on the Hill on January 25th, where our work will be displayed with other GIS specialists.

DISCUSSION ITEM

In the interest of a committee member's schedule, the agenda was adjusted to do the Committee report for the Major Planning, Gifts and Awards Committee before the action items.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Michael Homer, Chair of Major Planning, Gifts and Awards Committee, briefed the Board on the committee's work this last quarter. The committee has been looking to identify potential donors for State History and the Utah State Historical Society. Chevron will be renewing their \$5,000 donation for the annual conference. The committee has been assisting with the planning of the proposed Museum of History, Heritage and Arts. The committee has identified several individuals they are considering nominating for 2017 Fellows and Honorary Life Members. Board members were asked to let Mike or Brad know if they have anyone they would like considered in the nominations process. Mike also announced that David Richardson is the new chair of the Alta Club.

Brad Westwood thanked Mike for his involvement with the committee.

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 27, 2016 BOARD OF STATE HISTORY MEETING MINUTES

David Richardson made a motion to approve the October 27, 2016 Board of State History meeting minutes. Steve Olsen seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous vote.

Bryan Nalder from the Attorney General's Office recommended motions are done with a name by name vote. This will allow additional information for the minutes. Deanne Matheny made a motion to approve adding Board member names to all motions. David Rich Lewis, Steve Olsen, Ken Gallacher, John D'Arcy, and David Richardson supported the motion. No members opposed it. It passed with unanimous support.

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES NOMINATIONS

Cory Jensen presented the following National Register of Historic Places nominations:

Cory introduced Jessica Montcalm and Steve Fluke from the Division of Oil Gas and Mining, Abandoned Mines program, attending for the Ballard-Sego Coal Mine Archaeological Historic District.

Ballard-Sego Coal Mine Archaeological Historic District, Grand County

This is a concurrent nomination with both federal and private land. The Board will vote because there is private land included in the nomination. The Bureau of Land Management will then send their support for the federal land part of the nomination.

The Historic Preservation and Archaeology Committee has reviewed this nomination and provided comments on how well the nomination was done.

Significance summary:

The Ballard-Sego Coal Mine Historic District in Grand County, Utah has statewide significance under Criterion A, B and D in the context of coal mining in the Intermountain West. It is a complex archaeological and architectural site that relates to and can provide information regarding exploration and development of extractive coal mines and mining townsites throughout the region. The Ballard-Sego Coal Mine was active between 1900 and 1954, the period of significance, with its primary period of productivity between 1912 and 1949, while it was served by the Thompson-Ballard railroad spur. The Ballard-Sego Coal Mine is one of only three Utah coal mines outside Carbon County, Utah. It is a pristine archaeological example of coal mining industrial and community development, as it existed only during coal mining operations and has not had additional development in the decades since the mine closed. The Ballard-Sego Coal Mine is significant under Criterion A for above and below ground remains of early twentieth century coal mining and associated mining operations. The mine is also significant under Criterion A for its exceptionally rare and unique mix of vernacular dugouts, single miner cabins and non-company housing as well as more typical company-constructed housing and commercial buildings. The Ballard-Sego Coal Mine is the both the best example in Utah, and only example outside Carbon County of such mixed construction. The Ballard-Sego Coal Mine is significant under Criterion A for its historically rich and diverse ethnic heritage. Like other coal mining towns in the region, the Ballard-Sego Coal Mine supported a large, segregated ethnic population, including a long-term Japanese community, unusual in the Intermountain Region. The Ballard-Sego Coal Mine is significant under Criterion B for its association with prominent regional rancher, merchant and explorer Henry (Harry) G. Ballard. Harry Ballard rose from an immigrant range-hand to become an explorer with the 1889-90 Robert Stanton Colorado River Survey and later an influential businessman and developer. Harry Ballard both founded the nearby town of Thompsons Spring and patented and developed the Ballard-Sego Coal mine. The site is also significant under Criterion D for its potential ability to provide archaeological evidence of its rich physical and cultural history. Although it has few standing buildings, the Ballard-Sego Coal Mine is one of the best preserved early coal mining developments in Utah, with visible remnants of major coal mining features, roads, and vernacular and planned residential and commercial buildings. The identified archaeological artifacts are well preserved due to the site's isolation and dry climate, and further exploration should yield an even better understanding of early 20th century coal mining operations in the Intermountain Region and the lives of miners and their families.

David Richardson made a motion to send a letter of support for the Ballard-Sego Coal Mine Archaeological Historic District, Grand County to the National Register of Historic Places. Ken Gallacher seconded the motion. Deanne Matheny, David Rich Lewis, Steve Olsen, Ken Gallacher, John D'Arcy, and David Richardson supported the motion. No members opposed it. It passed with unanimous support.

Brad thanked Jessica Montcalm and Steve Fluke from the Division of Oil Gas and Mining for their great partnership with State History.

River Heights Sinclair Station

Corral Broschinsky prepared this nomination.

The Historic Preservation and Archaeology Committee has reviewed the nomination. Although the exterior is not that historic looking, the building does have significance. They recommend approving the nomination with some contingencies, including working with a consultant to strengthen the history of this building as a community center and conducting some oral histories. They also recommended a rehab plan be attached to the nomination and more recent photos.

Significance summary:

The River Heights Sinclair Station, built in 1950, is locally significant under Criterion A for its association with the development of River Heights, Utah in the mid-twentieth century. Under Criterion A in the area of Transportation, the building is significant as the only service station ever constructed in the small rural community of River Heights. The period of significance is 1950 to 1967 (fifty years ago). For the first fifteen years the service station was operated by Oral Stirland, who leased the building from long-term owners, Newell Lavon Fuhrman and his son, Newell Dean Fuhrman. It was then operated by Karl Bindrup between 1965 and 1975. The Sinclair Station provided a vital service to the citizens of River Heights who, like most of America, had increased their reliance on the automobile after World War II. The service station was particularly important when the rainstorms overwhelmed the only bridge between River Heights and the larger city of Logan. During rising flood levels, having a local fuel stop was particularly important as the only alternate to routes work places, shopping centers, medical facilities, and the regional high school or state college in Logan were quite lengthy. As the only real commercial building in town, it was architecturally unique in contrast to the residential construction. After serving for decades as a service station, the building was later used as a boat shop and was used as a residence for a few years in the 1990s. The building is currently vacant and a new owner plans to rehabilitate the building using state and federal tax credits. The River Heights Station is a contributing historic commercial resource in this small residential community.

John D'Arcy made a motion to send a letter of support for the River Heights Sinclair Station to the National Register of Historic Places. Steve Olsen seconded the motion. Deanne Matheny, David Rich Lewis, Steve Olsen, Ken Gallacher, John D'Arcy, and David Richardson supported the motion. No members opposed it. It passed with unanimous support.

REQUEST FOR REMOVAL FROM THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

Cory Jensen presented the following request for removal from the National Register of Historic Places:

Verd's Fruit Market Complex in Orem

The building has been demolished. Only an empty field remains. Due to the demolition, no vote is required by the Board. This is being presented for the Board's information only.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES DUE FOR FIVE-YEAR REVIEW WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Alycia Rowley presented the following Administrative Rules for Five-Year Review:

R455-1, Adjudicative Proceedings.

Division staff and administration have reviewed the rule and find it is still needed, correct and should be continued. All statutes cited in the rules are active. The Board reviewed the rule.

David Richardson made a motion to renew R455-1, Adjudicative Proceedings with the Division of Administrative Rules. Steve Olsen seconded the motion. Deanne Matheny, David Rich Lewis, Steve Olsen, Ken Gallacher, John D'Arcy, and David Richardson supported the motion. No members opposed it. It passed with unanimous support.

R455-12, Computerized Record of Cemeteries, Burial Locations and Plots, and Granting Matching Funds.

Division staff and administration have reviewed the rule and find it is still needed, correct and should be continued. All statutes cited in the rules are active. The Board reviewed the rule.

David Richardson made a motion to renew R455-12, Computerized Record of Cemeteries, Burial Locations and Plots, and Granting Matching Funds with the Division of Administrative Rules. Steve Olsen seconded the motion. Deanne Matheny, David Rich Lewis, Steve Olsen, Ken Gallacher, John D'Arcy, and David Richardson supported the motion. No members opposed it. It passed with unanimous support.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)

Historic Preservation and Archaeology Committee

Chair, David Richardson commented that the committee has already shared with the Board the National Register of Historic Places nomination review work that the committee has done.

Utah State Historical Society Committee

Chair, David Rich Lewis briefed the Board on the changes the committee is working on with State History's awards policy. Jed Rogers also provided additional information on what the committee hopes these changes will help the division with.

Library, Collections & Digitization Committee

Chair, Steve Olsen briefed the Board on the role that the Division and Board serve in the acquisition of collections. They plan to be bringing lots of major collection acquisitions to the Board, as well as policy revisions.

Rob White joined the Board meeting at 2:00 pm.

PROPOSED MUSEUM FOR HISTORY, HERITAGE AND ARTS

Brad Westwood provided a status update for the proposed Museum. Jill Remington Love has had good conversations with Governor Herbert and Lt. Governor Cox and their staff regarding the perusal of this project. They have asked the Dept., State History and Arts and Museums to do more research on possible location selections, the building design, contents, and especially working on building support for the

museum with communities throughout the state. They want to know how people view this proposed museum. A public relations firm will be assisting.

Rob White took over serving as Chair from John D'Arcy, as previously requested by Dina Blaes in her absence.

LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING

Brad Westwood briefed the Board on the 250th anniversary (9 years from now) formation of our nation. State History is starting to plan how Utah will be involved. A committee will be formed. Board members were asked to send any suggestions to Brad.

Roger Roper briefed the Board on House Bill 30, Historic Preservation Amendments. This bill includes language on who can make decisions at the local level, land use decisions, a definition of what is a historic preservation commission. This language now does not apply to current commissions.

Roger informed the Board that there are rumors about bill for a fix to the historic district bill from last year that made it really difficult to get city designations, not National Designation. We have not seen any drafts of the bill. Murray and Salt Lake may be affected if this bill is introduced and passed. Another bill being consulted is for a property tax reduction for historic building. Utah constitution does not allow for this.

The State Tax Credit for residential only, owner occupied or rental was reviewed last year and was approved by the legislature. Commercial tax credits continue. Tracking data for any future arguments.

Kevin Fayles briefed the Board on the WWI funding proposal. Representative Handy is spearheading a commission and a resolution to describe activities that State History hopes to coordinate. Have some funds but need additional bridge money. Board members were asked to send any suggestions for funders, or donate themselves.

BUDGET BRIEFING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HERITAGE AND ARTS

Jim Grover and Tanielle Young Humphries joined the meeting to provide a briefing on the Department and Division's budget. Jim reviewed the State's, Department's and Division's budgets and reviewed the budget process DHA undergoes each year. He reported that the budget is holding the line this year, no big requests are being made, and this year's priority is to defend our base budget. He gave an overview of the 4 budget levers: general funds, federal funds, dedicated credits, end of year non lapsing requests.

2017 OUTREACH AND EVENTS

Kevin Fayles reviewed the Division's 2017 events. He asked for the Board's support in order to make these events more successful.

OTHER BUSINESS

Board members were reminded to complete their annual disclosure statements. Alycia Rowley will email members that have not already sent theirs in.

The group photo will be postponed to the April meeting due to several missing Board members.

Adjourned at 2:59pm.